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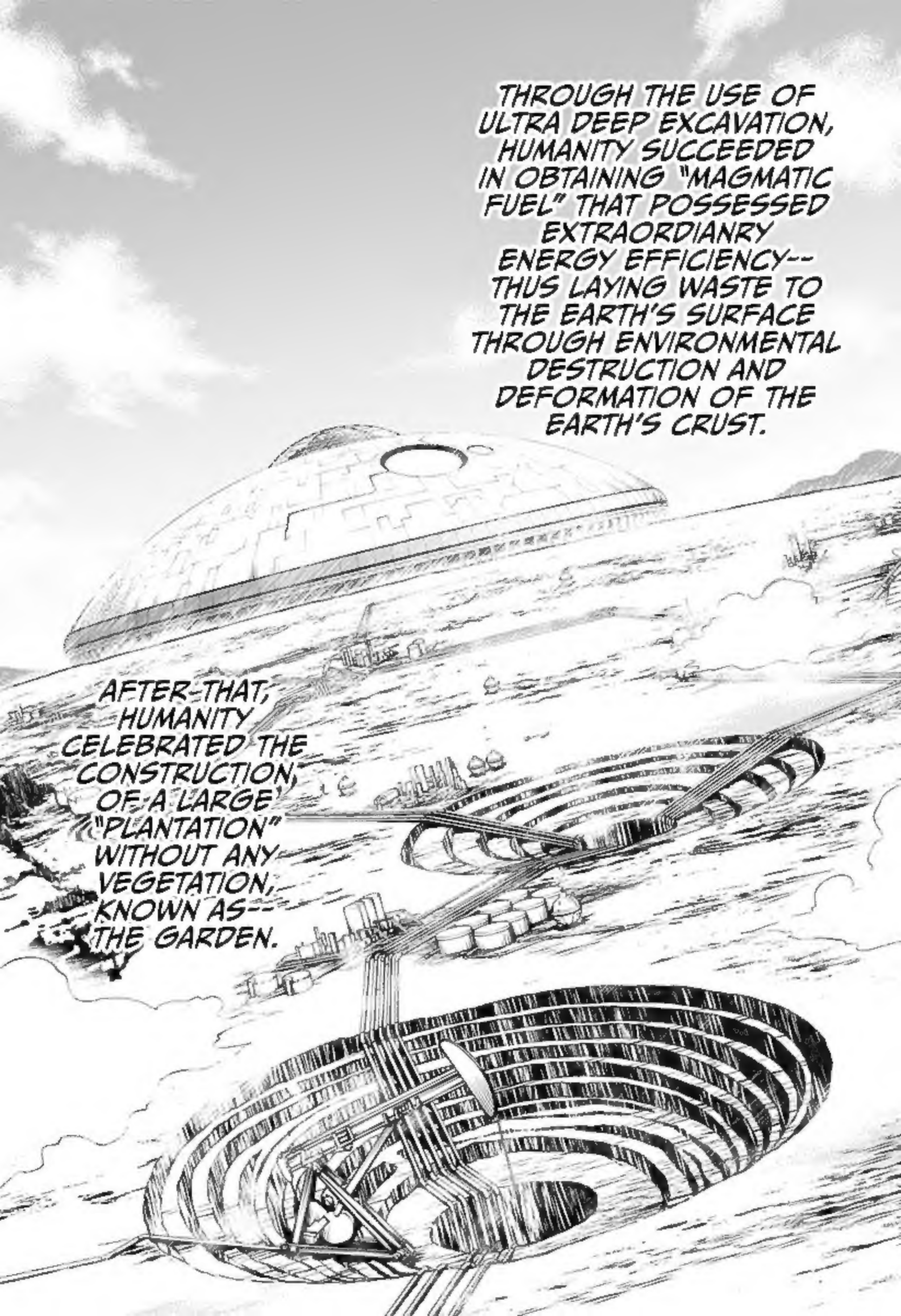
ONLY POSSESSES ONE WING.
UNLESS A MALE AND FEMALE PAIR LEAN ON EACH OTHER AND ACT AS ONE, THEY'RE INCAPABLE OF FLIGHT.
THEY'RE IMPERFECT, INCOMPLETE CREATURES.
BUT, FOR SOME REASON...
...THEIR WAY OF LIFE...
...STRUCK ME AS PROFOUNDLY BEAUTIFUL.
I FELT...
...IT WAS BEAUTIFUL...

第1話


THROUGH THE USE OF ULTRA DEEP EXCAVATION, HUMANITY SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING "MAGMATIC FUEL" THAT POSSESSED EXTRAORDIANRY ENERGY EFFICIENCY-- THUS LAYING WASTE TO THE EARTH'S SURFACE THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION AND DEFORMATION OF THE EARTH'S CRUST.
AFTER-THAT, HUMANITY CELEBRATED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE "PLANTATION" WITHOUT ANY VEGETATION, KNOWN AS-- THE GARDEN.

HOWEVER...

...SOMETHING SUDDENLY APPEARED.
MYSTERIOUS LIFEFORMS BEGAN TO ATTACK THE CITIES, ONE AFTER ANOTHER. THEY WERE CALLED...
..."KLAXOSAURS."

APE—A GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC GENIUSES, DEVELOPED A HUMANOID ROBOT WEAPON...

THUS, WE WERE TASKED WITH THE MISSION TO PROTECT HUMANITY BY PILOTING THEM—

...I WANNA TAKE A BATH.
ゴオオオ
NOT AGAIN.
SHOW SOME SELF-CONTROL.
HEY.
すん…
HOW DO I SMELL?

LET HIM REST. HE'S DRAINED AFTER THE LAST BATTLE.
WHAT A HIGH-MAINTENANCE GIRL.
SHEESH.

I SEE...
WE'LL BE DESCENDING SHORTLY. PLEASE SIT DOWN AND FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT.
DOC-TOR.
YOU, TOO.
^°...
...
I HATE...
...HOW I TASTE.

ゴオオオ
I WANNA SWIM IN SOME CLEAR OCEAN WATER.
DOES PLANTATION 13 HAVE AN OCEAN?
I'M SORRY TO SAY THERE'S NO OCEAN THERE.
WON'T A SHOWER DO?
...I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A SWIM.
...

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HIRO!
AN AIR-CRAFT?
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE.
ICHIGO...
WHAT'S IT LIKE TO RUN AWAY FROM EVERY-THING?!

SO YOU DON'T INTEND TO COME TO THE BRIEFING SESSION?
TOMORROW'S THE WELCOMING CEREMONY.
...
FIX YOUR HAIR.
I... I CAN DO IT MYSELF!
...
YOU'RE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND HAVE PERMISSION TO STAY HERE. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HIRO?
BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THIS, I REGRET WHAT HAPPENED WITH NAOMI, BUT...
SHOW SOME CONFIDENCE AND STAY HERE WITH US.
DON'T BE SO STUBBORN!

THE "PARENTS" HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE *OLD CODE 016*, WHO ONCE HAD GOOD RESULTS.
EVEN IF I STAY HERE, I'VE LOST MY ABILITY...
...SO I CAN'T DO ANYTHING USEFUL.
SORRY,
ICHIGO...
HIRO!

AS FAR BACK AS WE CAN REMEMBER, WE CHILDREN HAD CODE NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO US AND WERE RAISED IN THE GARDEN.
HIRO... MY REAL NAME IS CODE 016.
THE GARDEN WAS AN ESTABLISHMENT CREATED FOR THE SAKE OF NURTURING "PARASITES", UNTIL THEY DEVELOPED GREAT SKILLS.
...IN ORDER TO PROTECT HUMANITY— THE ADULTS... AND FIGHT AGAINST THE KLAXOSAURS...
...WAS OUR SOLE PURPOSE IN LIFE.
WE WERE TOLD THAT PILOTING WEAPONS CALLED "FRANXX" IN MALE-FEMALE PAIRS...

NEGATIVE PULSE DETECTED.
COMMENCING STAGE SIX LINKING.
POSITIVE PULSE AND ABILITY SCORE DROPPING.
TIMED OUT.
AND THEN...
1...
2,
3,
POSITIVE PULSE ON STANDY.
NAOMI...
HIRO...
TIMED OUT.

CODE 703, CODE 016...
...
YOU FAIL.
...WERE WORTH-LESS.
CHILDREN LIKE US WHO WERE INCOMPATI-BLE...

WE DON'T HAVE MANY OPTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPORTING CARGO THAT MASSIVE.
DEAL WITH IT.
GOOD GRIEF. A TRANSPORT PLANE'S SEATS ARE TOO HARD FOR AN OLD MAN LIKE ME.
CAN'T WE TRAVEL SOME OTHER WAY?
I WISH THE SEATS AND YOUR PERSON-ALITY...
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES, BUT I SEE YOU'RE STILL AS STIFF AS EVER.
DOC-TOR! STOP THAT!
...!
...WERE *THIS* SOFT AND YIELDING!

IS HACHI DOING WELL?
AFTER ALL, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TRIAL RUN FOR THE UNIT WE'RE USING THIS TIME.
HE'S BEEN ASKED TO SPEED UP THE CHILDREN'S TRAINING.
I SEE.
BUT, DOC-TOR.
WHY RUN THAT TEST CASE *HERE?*
AND WITH SUCH A MAKESHIFT TEAM, NO LESS?
CODE 2

ALTHOUGH THE GEEZERS IN APE MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND IT...
SOME-THING'S BEEN BOTH-ERING ME.
IT MAY JUST BE THE WHIM OF AN OLD PERSON.
...
SO YOU DO HAVE SOME SORT OF IDEA IN MIND?
ALL THAT ASIDE, I SEE THAT OUR PROBLEM CHILD HAS ALREADY GONE MISS-ING.
EH?!
BY THE WAY...
...IS THAT ALL RIGHT, NANA?
HUH?

NO WAY! BUT SHE WAS JUST HERE...
DAMN IT!
SHE'S RUNNING OFF AGAIN...!!

APPAR-
ENTLY,
THE GIRL HAS HORNS AND FANGS...
...AND ANY PARASITE THAT RIDES WITH HER WILL HAVE HIS BLOOD SUCKED...
...AND DIE AFTER THE THIRD TIME, WITHOUT FAIL!
PARTNER KILLER?

I DON'T WANNA RIDE WITH HER.
CODE 214 (FUTOSHI)
YIKES.
SURELY THAT'S JUST A RUMOR.
CODE 390 (MIKU)
IT'S TRUE!
SOMEONE ACTUALLY OVERHEARD SECURITY TALKING ABOUT IT!
CODE 666 (ZOROME)
...
CODE 196 (IKUNO)
ICHIGO.

DID YOU GET A HOLD OF HIRO?
NOPE.
I'VE TRIED COUNT-LESS TIMES, BUT NOT A TRACE.
CODE 056 (GORO)
HEY... SO IS HE GONNA STAY HERE, AFTER ALL?
...MAYBE THAT MEANS HE'S GONNA TURN DOWN THE CHANCE?
BUT HE DIDN'T ATTEND TODAY'S BRIEFING...

HIRO'S GOING TO LEAVE? THAT'S SO SAD...
...HE'S BEEN OUR LEADER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE...
BUT IF HE DOESN'T, WHERE WOULD THAT LEAVE NAOMI? SHE GOT CAUGHT UP IN HIS MESS.
I SAY HIRO'S SHOWING REAL INTEGRITY.
CODE 556 (KOKORO)
IT MUST BE HARD FOR HIM TO FACE US AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, TOO.
SPARE A THOUGHT FOR HOW HE FEELS.
GOD, HOW FORCED.
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS, ICHIGO?
...
CODE 326 (MITSURU)

...THAT IDIOT.
CODE 015
ICHIGO
...SAID IT CAN'T EVEN FLY UNLESS A MALE AND FEMALE SUPPORT EACH OTHER. THEY'RE PITIFUL CREATURES.
THE BOOK I READ ABOUT IT IN A LONG TIME AGO...
THE JIAN IS ALSO KNOWN AS "THE BIRD THAT SHARES WINGS."
UNTIL IT FINDS A PARTNER...
...IT MUST CONCEAL ITSELF AMONG THE TREES...

...AND DREAM OF THE DAY IT CAN TAKE FLIGHT INTO THE SKIES ABOVE.
!
BLOOD?

HEY...
IF SO...

IT'S ALIVE!
...END UP GOING?
...WHERE DOES A BIRD THAT'S INCAPABLE OF FLIGHT...
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS HERE...

IS THIS...
...A PARASITE'S? BUT THE UNIFORM'S NOT LIKE OURS...
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A HUMAN?

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AH, NO...I SHOULDN'T STARE!
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THAT'S A GIRL, RIGHT...?
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WAI...
IS SHE DROWN-ING?!
NO WAY!

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IT WAS AS IF I'D BEEN PUT UNDER A SPELL.

HER TWO ALLURING HORNS...
...AND MY FIRST-EVER LOOK AT A NAKED FEMALE BODY...
...LEFT ME TRANSFIXED, UNABLE TO TAKE MY EYES OFF HER.

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OH.
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.

...
IT'S SO ODD...
...ARE YOU A PARA-SITE?!
WHY WERE YOU BATHING HERE?
ARE...
...I HEARD OCEAN WATER WAS *SALTY.*
HUH?
UH, THIS ISN'T AN OCEAN...
I KNOW *THAT* MUCH.
BUT IT'S THE MOST OCEAN-LIKE PLACE I KNOW.

AREN'T YOU GONNA SWIM?
HUH? ME?
NAH, I'M GOOD.
REAL-LY?
BUT IT FEELS SO GOOD.
YOU WERE STARING SO HARD, I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO SWIM, TOO.
TH-THAT'S BECAUSE... I THOUGHT YOU WERE DROWNING!
SO I LEAPT IN...
...TO SAVE YOU... AND...
S-SORRY. BUT, COULD YOU PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON?
...!

HUH?
YOU'RE A PER-VERT!
OH, I GET IT!
WH-WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?!
AH!
TH...
THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
はっ…

Aha ha ha
YOUR FACE LOOKS HILAR-IOUS!
BUT YOU JUMPED IN TO SAVE ME, HUH?
...

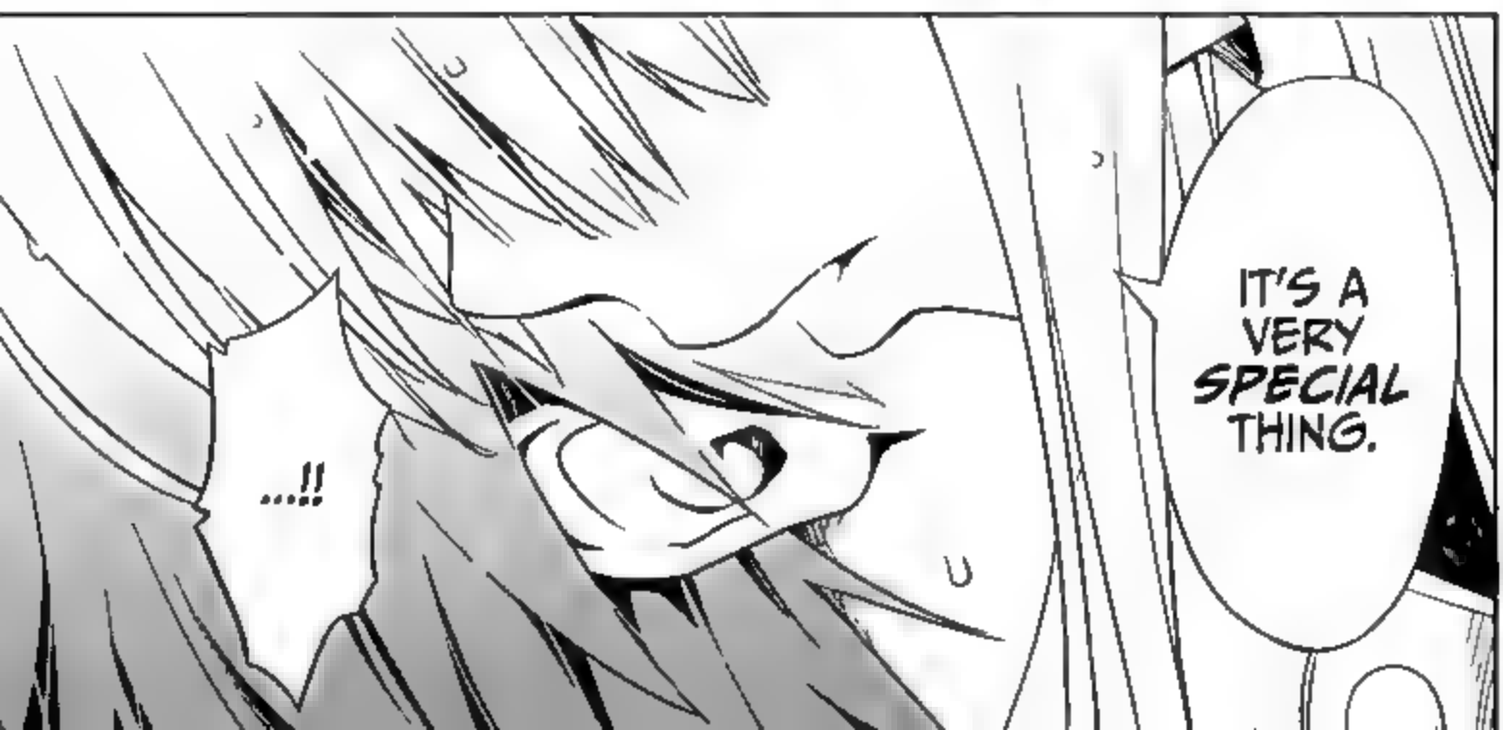
THANK YOU.
I APPRE-CIATE THAT.
THAT UNIFORM... ARE YOU A PARASITE, TOO?
NO.
SO YOU DON'T PILOT?

I CAN'T PILOT...
I NO LONGER HAVE THE ABILITY.
I EVEN DRAGGED MY PARTNER DOWN WITH ME.
I DON'T HAVE A PLACE HERE ANYMORE.
HUH...
...SO YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME.

I'M ALWAYS ALONE, TOO.
カチ…
THANKS TO THESE HORNS.
IF YOU DON'T BELONG HERE, JUST BUILD A PLACE WHERE YOU DO. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PARTNER, JUST FIND ANOTHER.
AND IF YOU CAN'T...
AH!
...TAKE ONE BY FORCE!

WOW...
...YOUR TASTE MAKES MY HEART RACE.
IT BITES AND LINGERS...
...THE TASTE OF DANGER.
AHH!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU...
WOULD YOU HAVE...
...PREFERRED A KISS?
A... KISS?
OH, YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW, HUH?


IT'S A VERY SPECIAL THING.
...!!

I THINK I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU.
WON'T YOU BE MY DARLING?
D-DARLING? YOU MEAN PARTNER?
YOUR ABILITY'S PROBABLY JUST STILL DORMANT.
I CAN AWAKEN IT FOR YOU.

THAT MADE ME HAPPY.
PLUS, YOU WEREN'T FRIGHTENED BY MY HORNS.
...
...TOO BAD.
TIME'S UP.
?!

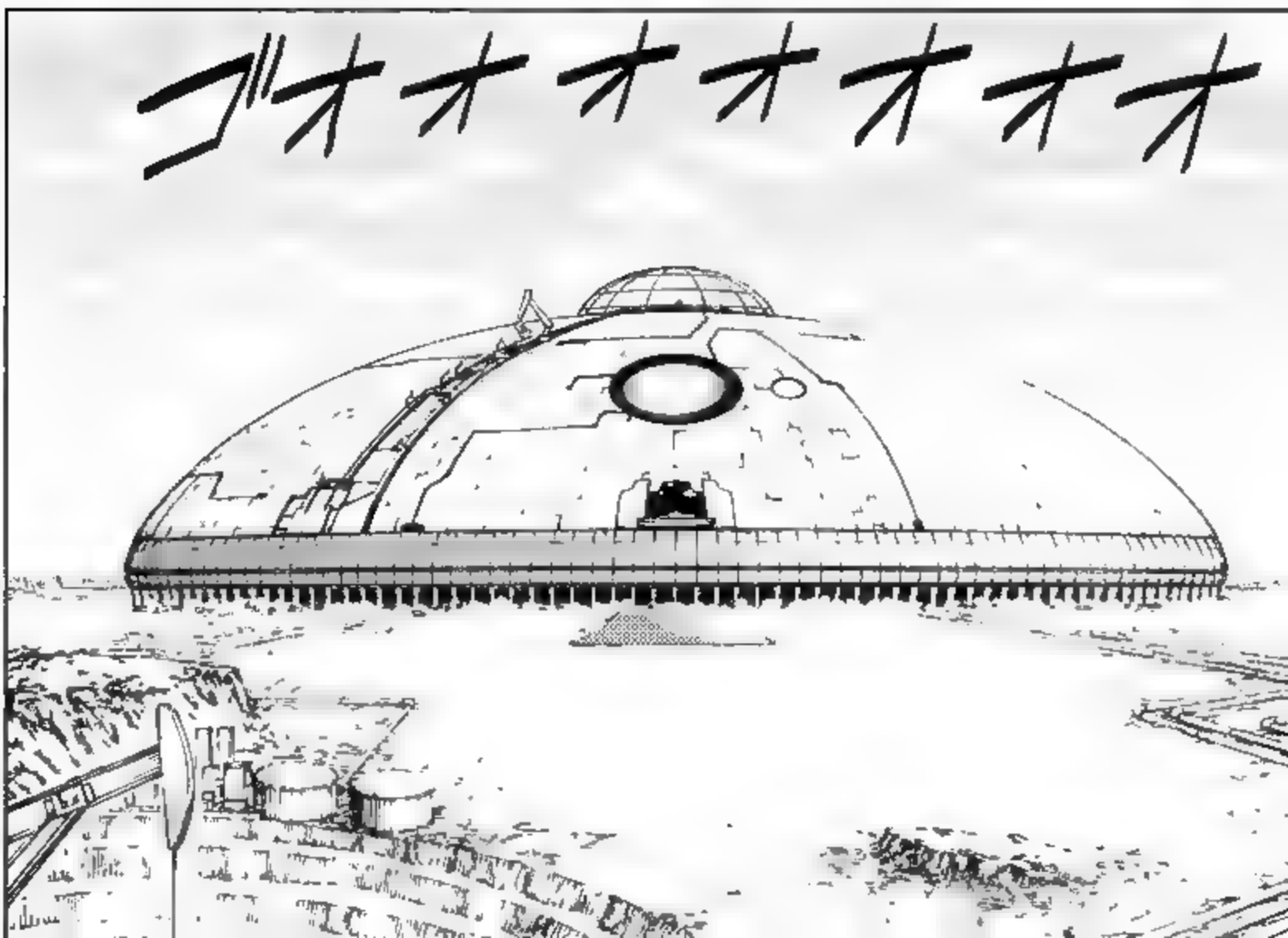
WHY DO YOU KEEP RUNNING OFF ALONE?
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
WELL, AS YOUR PARTNER, I'M THE ONE WHO SUFFERS FOR IT.
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE TO DO UNTIL TOMORROW'S WELCOMING CEREMONY.
PART-NER?
ARE YOU A PARASITE CADET?

YOUR WELCOMING CEREMONY'S TOMORROW, RIGHT?
SORRY SHE BOTHERED YOU.
AH...
STAY *FAR* AWAY FROM HER.
UM!
SHE'S NOT THE KIND OF *PISTIL* THAT JUST ANYONE CAN HANDLE.
LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.

WAIT!
YOUR NAME...
...MY NAME?
DO WE PARASITES EVEN HAVE NAMES?
...WHAT'S YOUR NAME?!
BUT, WELL, MY CODE IS...
...002.
EVERYONE CALLS ME "ZERO TWO."

MOVE YOUR FEET!
MISTILTEINN HAS ISSUED A SEARCH REQUEST FOR YOU.
GETTING MOCKED FOR MY LACK OF A PARTNER WOULD BE ONE THING...
...MADE ME FEEL PATHETIC AND ASHAMED OF MYSELF.
...BUT THE FACT THAT THERE WAS STILL A PART OF ME THAT HOPED FOR ONE...

I KNEW IT.
THAT A FLIGHTLESS BIRD HAS NOWHERE TO GO.
Why did the bird stop moving?!
Why?!
I'M ALL TOO AWARE,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WELCOMING CEREMONY
PLANTATION 13

LOOK AT THOSE ADULTS.
YEAH!
THEY'RE ALL HERE TO SEE US.
MY CHILDREN, YOU HAVE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE CHOSEN AS PARASITES.
YOUR GREAT PREDE-CESSORS DEFENDED OUR CITIES!
AND OUR PEOPLE!
AND AS OUR REP-RESEN-TATIVES...
...THEY SPLENDIDLY TOOK FLIGHT!

MAY YOU CHILDREN ALSO RISK YOUR LIVES AND BECOME ONE WITH THE IRON MAIDENS,
AND PROTECT US FROM THE ATTACKS OF THE KLAXO-SAURS.
TURN YOUR LIFE INTO A BLAZE OF GLORY!
AND SHED EVERY LAST DROP OF BLOOD YOU HAVE!!
ALL FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY!!!

ICHIGO!
FOCUS ON THE CERE-MONY.
PAPA IS WATCHING AND SO IS EVERYONE ELSE.
CODE 016. CODE 703.
FROM THIS POINT ON, YOU TWO WILL BE SENT BACK TO THE GARDEN.
WAIT HERE UNTIL THE NEXT PLANT SHIP ARRIVES.

YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED, HIRO.
...
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NO, NAOMI.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'D BE OF ANY USE EVEN IF I STAYED.
DID YOU REFUSE BECAUSE OF ME?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
FROM YOUR PARTNER, AND FROM YOURSELF.
YOU'RE JUST RUNNING AWAY.

NAOMI...
THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN WE COULD END UP JUST LIKE THEM.
YOU REMEMBER HOW MANY OF OUR FRIENDS DISAPPEARED FROM THE ORPHANAGE, RIGHT?
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO STAY AT ALL!
WHO CARES IF IT'S FAVORITISM?
SO DON'T TRY TO PLAY THE HERO!

WE'VE MADE IT SO FAR!
I WOULD DEFINITELY STAY, EVEN IF IT KILLED ME!
...
QUIT YOUR CHATTER.
WHY...
...
...WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BE MY PARTNER?
SOB
SOB

KEK.
HIRO NEVER SHOWED, HUH?
FORGET THAT CRYBABY.
HIRO AND NAOMI...
THEIR SHIP PROBABLY ISN'T HEADED BACK TO THE GARDEN.
I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF ANY PARASITES COMING BACK HOME.
...I HOPE THEY BOTH GET BACK SAFE AND SOUND.

THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
ARE YOU READY?
HACHI!
YES, SIR!

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NOW, GET ON!
?!
カツ
HUH? WHY... I...
WELL, TAKE CARE, HIRO.
IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR ME NOW...
I DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

...BUT YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACTOR ME INTO YOUR DECISIONS.
V
NAO--
WAIT A SEC-OND!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
GAH!

I DON'T NEED THOSE THINGS ANYMORE.
SHARE THEM WITH EVERY-ONE.
CODE 703, THERE-FORE, NAOMI...
YOU KNOW,
I REALLY LIKE THIS NAME YOU GAVE ME.
HIRO...
...I HOPE YOU FIND...
...A GOOD PART-NER--

DON'T! YOU CAN TAKE THE NEXT PLANT AND STILL MAKE IT!
NAOMI!!
...!
NAOMI.
I...
ゴオオオオ

オオオオ…
I SMELL A KLAXO-SAUR...

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YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE JUST RUNNING AWAY.
FROM YOUR PARTNER AND FROM YOURSELF.
...
NAOMI!

WE WILL HEREBY BEGIN THE STARTUP RITUAL.
WITH THIS...
...YOU KIDS WILL BECOME...

ウイイイ
...OFFICIAL PARASITES.
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...
GET IN AL-READY.
THE NEXT PLANT HAS ARRIVED.
プシューウウウ
UH...
...AC-TUALLY, I THINK I'LL--
?!

GATE OPENING SUSPENDED!
WHAT WAS THAT?
THESE VIRBATIONS...
THIS IS BAD.
THE FOG IS ROLLING IN.
DOCTOR...
HMM.

WHAT WAS THAT?!
...?!
THAT CAME FROM THE DIRECTION WHERE NAOMI'S PLANT IS--
THOSE THINGS WEREN'T THERE BEFORE!
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ゴゴォ…
NAOMI!!

!!
IT'S A KLAXO-SAUR!
READY INTER-CEPTING FIRE!
SO THAT'S...

...THE "ENEMY" OF HUMANITY...
...A KLAXO-SAUR!
AH!

AAAH!

THAT DIRECTION LEADS TO...!!

IT'S A KLAXO-SAUR!
RUN AWAY! TAKE SHEL-TER!
DAMN IT!
A MOHO-CLASS, HUH?
THIS IS NO TIME FOR CASUAL COMMENTARY! PREPARE TO EVACUATE!
IT'S BIG, STRONG, AND HAS A FINE LOOK...

HURRY AND RETRIEVE THE PARASITES!
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?
AAAH!
GARAGE TWO, DAMAGED!
UNFIT FOR HOUSING *DELPHINIUM.*

ICHIGO!
...?!
GUYS!
GORO!
HUH?

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...A WHITE...
WHI...
...KLAXO-SAUR?!

THEY'RE FIGHTING?!
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IT'S NOT A KLAXOSAUR?!
THEN, THAT MEANS...

ZERO TWO... THAT GIRL...
...A STAM-PEDE, NOW?
...

WHAT AN UGLY SIGHT.
DID SHE DEVOUR HER *STAMEN* AGAIN?
...IT'S HARD TO TELL WHICH IS THE *REAL* MONSTER HERE.
ZOO
KA-BOOM

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IT TRANS-FORM-ED?!

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AH!

...!
HUH?
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WAAH!
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NOW'S OUR CHANCE! RETRIEVE DELPHINIUM!!
ゴオオオオ…
ICHIGO, GORO!
ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?
…A KLAXO-SAUR?!

UGH...
...I'M ALIVE...
ドチャ...
GUH.
AH...
ビリ...
ビリリ
HE'S THE GUY FROM EARLIER...
HANG IN THERE!

FORGET ABOUT HIM.
HE'S DONE FOR.
...ZERO TWO!
YOU ARE...
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WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
WHAT, YOU ASK?
...I GOTTA GO.
YOU... YOU CAN'T!
I'M GOING MONSTER HUNTING, OF COURSE.
YOU'RE HURT!
YOU'RE GOING TO PILOT THIS FRANX...
...ALL ALONE?
OUT OF MY WAY!

THIS IS INSANITY!
FRANXX CAN'T BE PILOTED ALONE!
BESIDES, YOU'RE BY YOURSELF NOW!
NO!
YOU'LL DIE!
THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN...
...I'M USED TO IT.
...I'M ALWAYS ALONE.

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THAT THING'S GOING TO START MOVING AGAIN EVENTU-ALLY.
AND WHEN IT DOES, EVERYONE HERE IS GONNA DIE EITHER WAY.
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I'M NOT AFRAID OF DEATH...
I'M NOT AFRAID OF DEATH.
...I...
...I HAVE A JOB TO DO...!

SO...
...I'M GOING.
...I'M POWER-LESS.
...OR FIGHT A KLAXO-SAUR.
RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T HELP MY FRIENDS...

I'M NOT ABOUT TO...
WAIT!
...LET YOU GO ALONE!
I'LL PILOT THAT FRANXX WITH YOU.
...!

...OH?
ARE YOU... PREPARED TO DIE?
I DON'T KNOW...
...BUT AS I AM NOW, I DON'T BELONG ANYWHERE.
THAT'S NO DIFFER-ENT FROM BEING DEAD.
SO...
...TAKE ME WITH YOU!
HUH...
...YOU REALLY ARE JUST LIKE ME.

YOU AND I ARE VERY SIMILAR.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
...SINCE I LAST SAW A HUMAN CRY.
I LIKE THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES.
NOW,
IT MAKES MY HEART RACE.
COME TO ME!

LET ME GET A TASTE OF YOU.
YOU ARE NOW...
DAR-LING!
...MY...

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THE KLAXO-SAUR IS BACK! IT'S MOVING AGAIN!

WAS IT EAT-EN?!
...NO.

INCREDI-
BLE...
IT TURNED
INTO A
HUMANOID?!
THAT'S A...
FRANXX?!

...MALE AND FEMALE FACTORS COMBINE, AND THEIR HEARTS BECOME ONE...
WHEN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE...
INDEED!
...IN THAT MO-MENT...
...THE IRON MAIDEN...
...WILL REVEAL HER TRUE FORM!

NOW THIS IS A FRANXX!
HOW TRULY BEAU-TIFUL!
YOU'RE THE BEST, STRELIZIA!

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THE ATTACK FROM EARLIER...
A-GAIN...
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GAME OVER.

...IT BEAT THE KLAXO-SAUR...

ズル!!
THAT'S...
...A "FRANXX."

...THE KIND OF ROBOT WE'LL PILOT.

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WAIT, THERE'S SOME-ONE ELSE...!
WHAT'S HE DOING THERE?!
HIRO?!

ARE THOSE...
HORNS?
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
HH...
...BUT THE WARM TOUCH OF HER LIPS MADE MY HEART RACE.
OTHER THAN THAT...
...I REMEMBER NOTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COCKPIT BACK THEN.

...ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU.
SHE IS WITH THE SPECIAL FORCES UNIT THAT APE DIRECTLY CONTROLS.
THIS IS THE PISTIL PARASITE...

...CODE NUMBER 002.
SHE'S A GIRL THAT CARRIES KLAXOSAUR BLOOD.
BUT...
...THE "PARTNER KILLER"...
...HAVING TAKEN THIS STEP BY MY OWN FREE WILL...
THAT GIRL IS...

I FOUND YOU,

MY DARLING.

...WAS DEFEATED BY "STRELIZIA," THE FRANXX THAT SUDDENLY APPEARED.
THE KLAXOSAUR WHICH ATTACKED US DURING THE WELCOMING CEREMONY...
AND...
...HIRO...
...THE RUMORED PISTIL PARASITE, "ZERO TWO."
OUT OF THAT COCK-PIT CAME TWO PEO-PLE.
KNOWN FOR, "YOU'LL DIE THE THIRD TIME YOU RIDE WITH HER, WITHOUT FAIL"...
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CHAPTER 3

WHY...

...WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE YOU, HIRO...!

YEAH. NANA SAID SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

THAT'S A RELIEF.

NAOMI WAS SAFE, RIGHT?

MORN-ING.

MORNING, ICHIGO!

SO, YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?

...YEAH.

BUT...

I ONLY REMEMBER UP UNTIL THE MOMENT I GOT IN THE FRANXX WITH ZERO TWO...

...I CAN STILL REMEMBER THAT FEELING...

I SEE.

...AFTER THAT...

IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO REALLY PULLS THROUGH WHEN YOU NEED TO.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU DEFEATED THE KLAXOSAUR, HIRO.

WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

GORO...

I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE BOTH BACK.

...

YOU AND ICHIGO... YOUR CODE NUMBERS ARE SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER'S, IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU TWO WERE *SIBLINGS*...

IT'S ALMOST LIKE A *MIRACLE* THAT WE WERE ALL ASSIGNED HERE TOGETHER IN THIS SPECIAL CLASS AT THE GARDEN.

THANK YOU, GORO.

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ZOROME! FUTOSHI!

MORNING!

HA! I WON'T RECOG-NIZE *YOU* AS THE PILOT.

I DON'T BELIEVE FOR A SECOND THAT THIS CRYBABY DEFEATED A KLAXOSAUR BEFORE WE DID.

IT SEEMS SHE'S ABLE TO PILOT A FRANXX ALONE DUE TO HER *UNIQUE CON-STITUTION.*

I HEARD IT WAS THAT PISTIL PARASITE, ZERO TWO.

...HIRO JUST GOT DRAGGED ALONG FOR THE RIDE.

WHAT I MEAN IS...

YOU ALSO SAW HER, RIGHT, GORO? THAT FOUR-LEGGED BEAST.

...

HEY, HIRO. DON'T MIND HIM. LET'S JUST HEAD TO THE DINING ROOM.

MIT-SURU...

...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

AS I THOUGHT, IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN IN OTHER CITIES.

HMMM... SO THIS IS WHERE THE CHILDREN OF PLANTATION 13 STAY?

ZERO TWO!

Aaah.

WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

I, ZOROME THE GREAT...

...THE STRONGEST STAMEN IN ALL OF PLANTATION 13...

...

IT WAS A REAL TREAT TO WATCH YOUR SKILLS IN ACTION.

HEY, THERE!

?!

EEK!

...SHALL GRACIOUSLY RIDE WITH YOU IF YOU SO DESIRE.

MY SUNDAY BEST!

AW!

I'M SURE I CAN DO A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN THAT WUSS. WHY DON'T WE--

HERE.

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THIS IS REALLY NICE AND SWEET.

LET'S EAT TOGETHER, OKAY? ♡

HM?

AH... N-NO THANKS. I--

SHE WAS SO INJURED THE OTHER DAY...!!

...AND SHE'S ALREADY COMPLETELY RECOVERED?

UM...

?!

DID I ACTUALLY MANAGE TO PILOT BACK THEN?

TELL ME.

DON'T WORRY. YOU SURE DID.

DARLING. ♡

YOU WERE *INCRED-IBLE,*

HEY! DON'T IGNORE ME!

BEATS ME.

DA- DARLING? WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

CUT IT OUT.

SHE'S NOT A PERSON.

Not with those things on her head.

WHAT A STRANGE PERSON.

SHE'S OUR SAVIOR, YOU KNOW.

BESIDES, I THOUGHT NOBODY HAD SINGLE-DIGIT CODES.

DO YOU THINK SHE REALLY HAS KLAXOSAUR BLOOD?

...

I SEE...

...SO I REALLY DID PILOT BACK THEN.

OKAY, KEEP IT DOWN, KID'S

NANA!

AFE HQ HAS ASSIGNED ME TO THE 13TH PLANTATION CORPS. MY NAME IS NANA

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COOPER-ATION.

I'LL BE YOURE *CARETAKER*, JUST LIKE I WAS IN GARDEN.

NANA.

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IS *SHE* GOING TO STAY HERE?

WHAT IS IT, ICHIGO?

AW.

BUT IT FELT MORE COMFORT-ABLE OVER HERE.

NOW, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME, ZERO TWO.

WE'RE AWAITING ORDERS FROM HQ ON WHAT TO DO WITH ZERO TWO.

BUT IN GENERAL, SHE *WON'T* BE WORKING WITH YOU GUYS.

WAIT!

HIRO?!

ZERO TWO!

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO BE SURE OF.

LET ME RIDE IN YOUR FRANXX AGAIN.

...HIRO.

IT'S UP TO PAPA AND THE REST WHO LEAD HUMANITY.

THAT ISN'T SOMETHING FOR *YOU* TO DECIDE.

TCH.

DAR-
LING..

DON'T
WORRY.

...BELONGS
TO ME.

IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN
DECIDED.

ICHIGO?!

...DOESN'T
BELONG
TO
ANYONE!

HIRO..

I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR DEFEATING THE KLAXOSAUR,

BUT!

IF YOU'RE GONNA UP AND LEAVE ONE DAY, DON'T GET HIRO'S HOPES UP.

AND...

...OH?

...WHAT ARE YOU TO MY DARLING?

...THE LEADER OF THIS SQUAD.

I... I'M...

HMPH.

THAT'S ALL?

SHLURP

HYAAH!
I LIKE YOUR TASTE.
...
SWEET.

YOU'RE *TOO MUCH* FOR THEM TO HANDLE.

WE CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING OFF AS YOU PLEASE ALL THE TIME.

THOSE CHILDREN EXIST TO PROTECT THE ADULTS.

I JUST WANTED TO EAT WITH MY DARLING.

THEY'RE PARASITES WHO PILOT THE FRANXX.

IF MY DARLING WERE IN THE *CITY BELOW,* I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SUCH A THING.

ALL OF THE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENTS ARE THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE UPPER PLANTATION IS A FACILITY FOR HOUSING PARASITES, KNOWN AS "MISTILTEINN."

I'M ALSO ONE OF THE CHILDREN, *AREN'T I?*

I KNOW THAT.

BUT EVEN THOUGH I'M AN IRREGULAR,

...MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA SUFFO-CATE...

..THE WORLD OF ADULTS...

WHERE'S HIRO?

...AND THAT WE SHOULD HEAD TO PRACTICE WITHOUT HIM.

HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE...

IS THAT SO...

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CLANG

IF I CAN'T, IT'S THE SAME AS IF I WEREN'T EVEN HERE.

I HAVE TO PILOT A FRANXX.

...I'M NOT A CHICK ANYMORE.

I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN FLY ONCE MORE WITH MY OWN STRENGTH.

NAO-MI...

DOCTOR SPOILS HER TOO MUCH.

ANOTHER OF THAT GIRL'S WHIMS?

...WE'VE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT STRELIZIA HAS STAYED BACK AT PLANTATION 13.

THERE'S ALSO THE RARE CASE OF PILOTS SHOWING *NO SIGNS OF AGING* DESPITE RIDING WITH HER...

NEVER-THELESS... THE DATA FROM REPELLING A *MOHO-ROVICIC-CLASS* KLAXOSAUR IS OF GREAT INTEREST.

APE HEADQUARTERS
COUNCIL OF THE SEVEN

HMM...

THAT'S HIM, ISN'T IT?

CODE 016...

WE'LL HAVE HIM FIGHT IN A *REAL* BATTLE BETWEEN FRANXX...!

INTER-ESTING... LET'S PUT HIM TO THE *TEST.*

CODE:015
Y.Kentarou

第4話

A MOCK BATTLE WITH ME...
...IN A FRANXX?
THESE ARE ORDERS FROM APE HQ.
DEPENDING ON HOW YOU DO, WE'RE CONSIDERING PROMOTING YOU TO PARASITE.

AN ORDER DIRECTLY FROM PAPA AND THE OTHERS?

WHY IS IT ALWAYS JUST HIM?

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

ISN'T THAT GREAT, HIRO?

AS EXPECTED, THE *ELITE TEN* GET SPECIAL TREATMENT--

MIKU!

OUR CODE NUMBERS ARE *IRRELEVANT.*

WE'RE ALL MEMBERS OF THE *SAME* SQUAD.

HOW CON-CEIT-ED...

ACTING ALL SERIOUS JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE LEADER OF SQUAD 13.

NOW THEN, HIRO, WHO WILL BE YOJR PARTNER--

I'LL DO IT.

ZERO TWO!

I MEAN, YOU ARE *MY* DARLING.

OF COURSE.

IS... IS THAT OKAY, ZERO TWO?

ONE MOMENT!

SHE DOESN'T BELONG TO OUR SQUAD.

ICHIGO ?!

LET *ME* BE HIS PARTNER.

THEN WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE *YOU*?

ALSO, IF YOU'RE ONLY MEASURING HIRO'S APTITUDE,

IT SHOULD WORK WITH ME AS HIS PARTNER, TOO.

...AND YOU WANT TO RIDE WITH HIRO?

YOU ALREADY HAVE *GORO* AS A PARTNER...

I DON'T MIND.

GO AHEAD.

...GORO.

...

...SHE MAY BE ABLE TO *DRAW OUT* HIRO'S ABILITIES.

ICHIGO IS THE MOST *POTENT* PISTIL AMONG THE MEMBERS HERE, AND IS ALSO THE LEADER OF THE SQUAD...

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

BOO. THAT SUCKS.

AT ANY RATE, HQ HASN'T AUTHORIZED THE USE OF STRELIZIA.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, ZERO TWO?

MY INJURIES HAVEN'T COMPLETELY HEALED YET, ANYWAY.

FINE.

TAKE CARE OF *MY* DARLING, OKAY?

...

WE DO!

DOES ANYONE WANT TO VOLUNTEER AS THEIR OPPONENTS?

NOW THEN.

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GIVEN WHO YOUR PARTNER IS...

...I *MIGHT* JUST BEAT YOU THIS TIME, GREAT LEADER.

SHE'S A SITTING DUCK. WE'LL *DEFINITELY* WIN!

FRANXX
ARGENTEA
[ZOROME & MIKU]

THIS ISN'T ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING, ANYWAY.

FRANXX DELPHINIUM [ICHIGO & HIRO (TEMPORARILY)]

FEEL FREE.

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

ICHIGO...

JUST FOCUS ON CONNECTING, HIRO.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

I MUST PROVE TO EVERY-ONE...

...THAT HIRO CAN PILOT THE FRANXX!

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THAT'S RIGHT... THIS ISN'T ABOUT WINNING.

...GOT IT.

IN A FRANXX...

BUT TO BOOT UP THE SYSTEM, YOU NEED---

...AND THE STAMEN CONTROLS THE PILOTING.

...THE PISTIL SYNCHRO-NIZES WITH THE FUSELAGE...

...WITH YOUR PARTNER!

TO FORM A MENTAL CONNECTION...

TCH.

B-BUT... I'M NOT USED TO *THIS!*

D-DON'T MAKE WEIRD SOUNDS LIKE THAT!

KEEP GOING...

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

ARE YOU OKAY, ICHIGO?!

...ICHIGO'S MIND...!

...

I'M ENTERING...

GOT YOU!

WAY TO GO, HIRO!

DEL-PHINIUM IS ONLINE!

...

I DID IT...

IT'S MOVING!

THIS IS IT...

...I RECOGNIZE THIS SENSATION!

YEAH!

THIS IS IT, LET'S GO!

HIRO!

...INSIDE OF ME!

HIRO IS...

GAH.

ARE YOU FOR REAL...IT'S MOVING?!

BRING IT ON!

HUH?!

THEY STOP-PED?

...THIS CAN'T BE.

NO...

T-TIME OUT! GIVE US THREE MINUTES!!

WHAT?!

...

WHY?

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THIS CAN'T BE... WHY...

WH... WHAT'S WRONG? WHY'D IT STOP?

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DAMN IT. MOVE! *MOVE!!*

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I DON'T THINK SO.

WAS IT MY FAULT?

I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T REMEMBER!

WHAT DID *SHE* DO DIFFERENTLY?

CALM DOWN. NO NEED TO RUSH.

YOU MIGHT REMEMBER SOMETHING.

...

...AH.

THE KISS...

...MAYBE IT WAS THE *KISS*...

WHAT'S *THAT?*

KISS?

...EVERY-THING TURNED BRIGHT, LIKE, *WHAM!*

WE STUCK OUR MOUTHS TOGETHER,

WHAT THE HECK? *THAT'S* WHAT YOU WERE UP TO DURING A KLAXOSAUR ATTACK?

AND THEN...

IT WASN'T ME! SHE DID IT AS SOON AS I GOT IN--

...

...SAID IT WAS A VERY *SPECIAL* THING.

ZERO TWO...

ICHIGO?!

はぁ…

FINE.

...

IT'S EMBARRASSING, SO KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED.

LET'S *DO* IT.

WE CAN'T MOVE UNLESS WE DO IT, RIGHT?

IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES...

W-WAIT A SECOND!

ICHIGO,

YOU'RE TREM-BLING--

SHUT UP.

...I DON'T MIND. THIS IS NOTHING.

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